
ENQUIRIES
FOR A
PAROCHIAL VISITATION
IN
LONDON.

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S there, or was there before
the Fire within your Parish,
or within the Parish or Parishes
since annexed to it a Parso-
nage or Vicaridge House or
Houses for the Dwelling of
your Minister? If it or they were burnt down,
are they since leas'd out and rebuilt? To whom?
At what Ground-Rent, and for what Term?
Have you a Survey or Map of it or them, and of
the Yards and Gardens (if any) containing the
exact Dimensions of them? Is the Lease or Lea-
ses confirmed in due Form of Law? And where

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are they registred? And have you any other Houses (besides your Residence House or Houses) or any other Glebes belonging to your Benefice; and what are they?

II. IS the Annual Revenue (or Sum of Mo-
ney in lieu of Tythes) which was settled by Act of
Parliament 22 ~~or~~ 23 *Car. II. cap. 15.* for the cer-
tain Annual Maintenance of your Minister, as-
sessed and ascertain'd, in such manner by such
persons, and within such time as the said Act li-
mits and appoints? And if not, thro whose de-
fault was it? If the Assessment be made, are there
Three Transcripts of it in Parchment subscribed
by the Assessors, and sent to be laid up among
the Records of the City, in the Registry of the Bi-
shop of *London*, and in the Vestry of your Church?
And what other Perquisites, Gifts, or Bequests (be-
sides the said settled Maintenance) are, or were, be-
fore that Settlement, due to your Minister and his
Successors, from the Impropiator or any other
persons?

III. ARE there in the Re-building of the Ci-
ty, or otherwise, any Encroachment made upon
your Church or Church-Yard, or upon the Soil
of the Church or Churches left unbuilt, or the
Church-yards belonging to them? Is any part of
either



either put to common use? Or any part of them, or of the Ministers House, Houses, or Glebes, taken into any other Persons House, Yard or Passage? By whom, and by what Authority was it done?

I V. W H A T Plate, Books, Bells, and other Furniture or Ornaments, have you belonging to your Church? Have you all such (at least) as the Rubrick and Canon expressly require? Are there true Inventories of them kept, and from time to time duly examin'd? If any Church or Churches have been lately united to your present Parish-Church, what is become of the Plate, Books, Bells, and other Furniture of the Churches left unbuilt? As also of the Lead, Glass, Stone, Iron, or other Materials that remain'd after the Fire? And to what use is the Site or Soil of the unbuilt Churches now employ'd?

V. H A T H your Minister any other Benefice, with Cure of Souls, besides that of your Parish? Where and at what distance, and of what value is it? How doth he divide, and apportion his residence to his several Cures? And when he is Resident hereabouts, doth he constantly live in his Incumbent House, if there be one not leas'd out (or if he can conveniently hire it of the Lessee) or at least somewhere within the bounds of the Parish?

VI. IF your Minister keeps a Curate to assist him, whether is he such an one as hath no Benefice of his own with Cure of Souls, from which he absents himself? Is he duly licens'd by the Bishop? What Salary doth your Minister allow him? And when he reads Prayers, is your Minister himself constantly present at them?

VII. Have you a Lecturer in your Church, and who is it? Was he before he entred upon his Lecture, approv'd and licens'd according to the late Act of Uniformity? Doth he upon the first Sunday in every Month, duly perform all that the said Act requires of him? Hath he any Benefice of his own with Cure of Souls elsewhere? What Salary doth he receive from your Minister or Parish?

VIII. Doth your Minister or his Curate (diligently and openly in the Church) catechise the Youth of your Parish on every Sunday in the Afternoon and Holydays, as the Rubrick and Canon require?

IX. Is the different Use and Ministration of Publick and Private Baptisme duly observed by your Minister and Curate, according to the Directions in the Liturgy? Or do they make a common practice of baptising Children in private Houses?

Houses? Or do it at any time without great cause and necessity, as the Rubrick limits it, that is (as the 69th Canon explains it) when they are duly without any manner of Collusion, informed of the weakness and danger of Death, of any Infant to be baptized? And when such need compels them to perform this great and solemn Office in private, do they use only the Form of Private Baptisme prescribed by the Liturgy? And as soon as the said necessity ceaseth, and it may safely be done, do they cause the Child so baptized, to be brought to Church, that the Congregation may be certified what Form of Baptisme was privately used, and that such supply may be made to the Office as is needful and appointed?

X. Is the Holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper duly administred in your Church on the First Sunday in every Month, and especially at *Easter*, *Whitsontide*, and *Christmase*? And do your Church-wardens, or (in case they refuse or neglect) your Minister, present to the Ordinary faithfully and impartially all such of your Parish as being above the age of 16 years, do not receive that Holy Sacrament in your Parish Church, as is by Law directed?

XI. When the Holy Communion is administred, are the Alms and Oblations of Devout Persons.

sons duly collected or received? Are they constantly disposed of to Pious and Charitable Uses, by the consent of the Minister and Churchwardens; or if they disagree, by the appointment of the Ordinary? Is there an exact Account taken and kept in Writing of all such Sums as are given and received at the Offertory, or upon other Occasions, put into the Chest for Alms? And how much hath been the last Year so given and received, and how is it disposed of?

XII. What Bequests and Legacies, or other Charitable Gifts, have been by Will or otherwise, given to your Church or Poor, or to any Publick Use, within your Parish? How are they settled, and in whose hands? Is there a Memorial or Register kept of the Names of such Benefactors, and a particular of the Sums by them given? And hath not their Charity been mis-employ'd and diverted to other Uses?

XIII. Have you a Register Book of Parchment, wherein the Names and Surnames of all Persons Christned, Married, or Buried, within your Parish; together with the Names and Surnames of both the Parents of the Children so Christned, and the Day, Month, and Year, of all such Christnings, Marriages, and Burials, are from time to time, duly

ly registred every Sunday, as the 70th Canon enjoyns? Have your Minister and Churchwardens subscribed their Names unto every Page of the said Book? Is it safely kept in a sure Coffer with Three Locks and Keys, so that neither the Minister without the Churchwardens, nor the Churchwardens without the Minister, may at any time take it out of the said Coffer? And hath the Transcript or true Copy thereof (subscribed as before) once every Year within One Month after the 25th of *March*, been transmitted unto the Ordinary to be faithfully preserved in the Registry of the Bishop?

XIV. Doth your Minister or Curate presume to Marry any Persons in private Houses, or at undue or uncanonical Hours? Or any whose Banns have not been first publish'd on Three Sundays or Holydays in the Church, unless he hath a Licence or Dispensation so to do? How many such Licences have they or either of them received and made use of within the Year last past? And (to supersede all farther Questions about the regularity and validity of such Licences) let them be all produced, that they may be view'd and examin'd by the Canons.



